

## WOMAN'S WORLD.

## WHAT KATE FIELD THINKS ABOUT GIRLS IN PARADES.

The Home in Politics—Women at the Front in Chicago—Miss Imogene Howard—The Fad to Be Picturesque—Interesting Items About Woman.

What I deplored in New York's school parade was the absence of girls. You'd have thought that girls did not exist, or, if existing, were no factor in the future of this republic. I didn't like this ignoring of my sex, and when some one argued that girls could not endure the fatigue of marching five miles I replied that girls who were unequal to a five mile walk were physically unable to breathe the bad air of public schools and to endure the strain of recitations ten months in the year. Girls who can skip rope and dance all night can walk a few hours if they choose. The Indian girls from Carlisle had no trouble in marching.

Well, Brooklyn agreed with me last week when 15,000 boys and girls covered themselves and their town with glory. As in New York, it was first decided to leave out the girls. "Girls can't march a little bit," said the boys, forgetting that all the marching on the stage nowadays is by women, who drill much better than the same class of men.

Indignant at the criticism of their brothers, the Brooklyn girls vowed they would not be left out of the parade. They studied military tactics, drilled constantly, and those who saw them march on Oct. 29 declare that the boys were "not in it." With white skirts, blue bodices and red mortar boards these plucky maidens held their lines well, kept step, wheeled when opposite the reviewing stand, lowered their flags in salute and marched on as the populace cried "Good! good!" All these girls belonged to Catholic schools. I blush to think that there is less patriotic enthusiasm among the girls of our public schools than those of the Catholic church. —Kate Field's Washington.

## The Home in Politics.

General Clarkson, president of the League of Republican Clubs, in a speech before the Republican league convention at Buffalo, among other things said:

"In transferring our politics from heroic or sentimental to economic issues there is left to be made by each party a campaign of education and recruitment for every business in the state, and every class of workmen and laborers, all economic issues touching every home, either to increase its comforts or decrease them. Thus it is true today that the father has come to be the trustee of the vote of his family. The woman has appeared in American politics, and the home has become the unit of American politics. Conservative people may scoff at it, old fashioned men may deride it, but the power of the home is going to be more and more potential in American affairs. Very soon there will arise some great woman, or association of women, who will organize in this great republic a political league that will become speedily one of the first class powers in political America."

General Clarkson notes the signs of the times truly. The Democratic Influence clubs, the Woman's Republican Association of the United States, the women in the People's party, and in the Prohibition party, the full suffrage of women in Wyoming, municipal suffrage for women in Kansas, school suffrage in twenty-two states, all indicate the coming of women into politics—not to organize a new party, but to be eagerly sought by one of the ruling parties which is sagacious enough to see the value of adding such a power to itself.

Samuel H. Sewall used to say: "Woman suffrage may come at any moment. A very little thing will bring it. The air is full of it—all it needs is the match to set it off." But when that time comes it will not be as General Clarkson says it is now, that "the father is the trustee of the family vote." Each woman will have her vote as each man has his, and this will be in accordance with the great principle of "the consent of the governed." —Woman's Journal.

## Women at the Front in Chicago.

The women of Chicago have a taste for co-operation which has made them the most successful and noticeable women in the world, considered from commercial, political and benevolent points of view. They are forever surprising their city with something new. Now they turn out and personally clean the streets; now they get on the board of education; now they establish public baths for the unwashed; now start free kindergartens for the poor; now they build summer houses for the little children of the tenements and the slums; now put women physicians in the hospitals, the insane asylums and the police stations; now build hospitals, secure women factory inspectors, investigate the schools or make appeals for votes in educational matters.

And whatever they do seems to succeed. They have almost no abortive attempts. They have even been known to put artistic ventures on their feet and sustain them—one of the most difficult things imaginable in the west. Their latest experiment has been to start a co-operative baking company. It is the chief law of the company that no one but women shall touch the loaves from the time they are dough till they are delivered into the hands of the purchasers. Women will make the bread, solicit for trade, attend the counter and deliver in the five fine wagons purchased for the purpose. All of the stock is held by women. —Omaha World-Herald.

## Miss Imogene Howard.

No woman member of the state board of managers of the World's fair is more interested in her special work than Miss Imogene Howard. She is the representative of the colored race, and is anxious that their progress and best work shall be shown at the fair.

Miss Howard believes that the exhibits of the colored people will favorably com-

pare with the other exhibits, though, as she says, she is aware that generations of intellectuality and artistic surroundings, wealth and opportunities for culture must produce a different product from generations deprived of all these advantages. On this account she does not expect many exhibits from her people, but what she sends to the fair is to be of the highest degree of excellence and may be accepted only on account of its merit.

During the summer Miss Howard has been corresponding with active and influential women in Buffalo, Brooklyn and Saratoga, who have promised to seek out the women wage earners in their cities, and wherever possible have them prepare exhibits of their work for the Columbian exposition.

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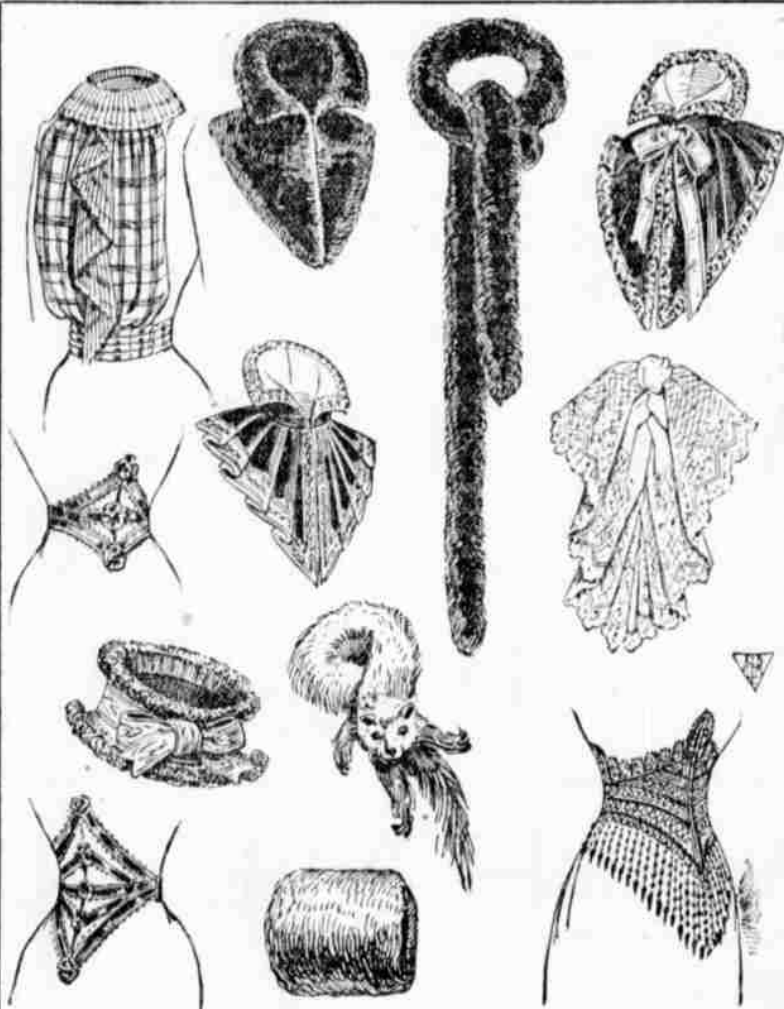
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ACCESSORIES FOR PERFECT COSTUMES.

Above are shown many of the small but important finishing touches that give a handsome and elaborate appearance to plain costumes. The boa is universally becoming, and is made of either fur or feathers; the small boa of the natural animal, with head, feet and tail, is also much used. The sequin collar is worn with tailor-made gowns, as are the collarettes of velvet, surah, and ribbon. Jabots of lace and ribbon and vest fronts of surah, as shown, are much worn, and a rich appearance is given to silk and woolen dresses by the corselets of cut jet. The muff is of mink or other fur.

African king, who had three beautiful paintings at the recent exhibit at Buffalo. One of these she will ask her to send to the World's fair. A Brooklyn woman has just finished a sample of ecclesiastical embroidery and a piece of Spanish drawn work which will be sent to the fair.

Miss Howard first attended the Wells Grammar school in Boston, was graduated from there at fourteen; then became a pupil at the Normal school. After finishing the three years' course she came to New York and became a teacher in Grammar school 81, where she remained for twenty years. —New York World.

## The Fad is to Be Picturesque.

The modern artist can find his model on the avenue. There she goes into luncheon in a Henry VIII, a coat or directoire. Her hat is an immense Gainsborough or some modification of that, with trim as jauntily convoluted as the most daring painter ever dreamed of, or perhaps it is a cute cap of the Pifferaro type, in green and tan, with two small

shells of jet in front holding an upright end of velvet. He needs a good figure for the illustrations of the last society novel, so he, too, goes into the luncheon and slyly watches for his heroine. He hasn't long to wait. She is "tall and fair, with golden hair," and wears a blue suit. She is a good example of a boar loving girl and hers is a long, beautiful one in tans and browns. Do you think she wears it round her neck? Then you

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don't know her. No, it rests on one shoulder and swings carelessly down over the other arm, the long ends falling to the floor. Her hat is a poke of golden brown velvet, trimmed high with princess tips, which just touch the hair in the back. Her shoes are patent leather with tan tops; her gloves are tan suede.

If she will not answer for the desired model there's another good example of the stylish society girl. She is very petite. She wears a black silk bell, very long indeed for street purposes, with a Russian blouse having a black silk yoke studded with nail heads. The blouse is girdled by a band of jet, the fringed ends of which fall low in front. Her hat is a big lace affair, with wide bows arranged in a decided Alsatian. Her gloves are light pearl, long wristed, and she uses the lorgnette on every possible occasion. In looking around at a fashionable gathering the women seem all sleeves. One does not hesitate to believe madame, who says: "I choose the style of sleeves and then build on it, for the sleeve this fall is quite the principal part of a costume." —Brooklyn Eagle.

## Perfumed Breaths.

This is the time of perfumed breaths. A woman expends many a dollar on little capsules that the wily druggist has been at great pains to concoct, and she ever after breathes upon you a composition of delicate odors that makes one conjure up all the good things to smell and eat that we have ever known. It is a most dainty fad, whichever way you look at it, and one that cannot have one word said against it.

Perhaps if they would just spend a little more time on teeth and throat, suggests a woman, they would not need so many perfumery things to make them sweet; but that is neither here nor there.

We beg that the heavy odors of musk and patchouli be left out of the category, or else that the devotees of such stifling perfumes take pity on poor humanity and religiously avoid crowded theaters or of more closely packed street cars, where one grows positively faint by an overwhelming scent that drives every other thought or surrounding from the mind. —St. Louis Republic.

## A Skilled Pharmacist.

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